

**Subject:** Re: Ceola Waddell Jr. - Recently in widespread news coverage - likely unregistered sex offender  
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Jacob,

I just discussed the issue with my colleague Alvan Arzu who is the Neighborhood prosecutor in Southwest. He's already discussing this angle with LAPD. Apparently, Mr. Waddell's conviction is out of Tennessee and they are attempting to determine if it qualifies for PC290 registration. At this time, Mr. Waddell is still in southwest division and so I'll leave the referral to LAPD southwest detectives. If he returns to Central, I'll coordinate with LAPD Central Detectives.

Kurt

On Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 3:49 PM, <[jacob@newdowntownbrokerage.com](mailto:jacob@newdowntownbrokerage.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon Kurt,

I brought this to Senior Lead Joesph's attention and though I should bring it yours as well. You may be aware of the recent news coverage of Ceola Waddell Jr. aka "Dice" and his encampment under the 101 freeway. The media is portraying him as some sort of folk hero and homeless advocate. I had dealings with him previously when I had to coordinate with LAPD to remove his compound at Sixth and San Pedro while overseeing the renovations of a creative office building at that corner.

Mr. Waddell is well know to LAPD for his long list of infractions. Due to the media coverage revealing his real name I was able to uncover that Mr. Waddell is also likely an unreported sex offender. In 1987 he was convicted of first degree rape in Tulsa, Oklahoma and sentenced to fifteen years in prison. He was paroled in 1993. I spoke informally with the Department of Corrections in Tulsa, Oklahoma who was able to help me to confirm that it was the same individual. The date he was paroled fell before sex offender registry laws in Oklahoma so he was never required to register there. However my understanding of California state law (and I may be wrong at this) is that as long as the crime was committed after 1944 he is required to have reported his status the the state of California upon relocating here.

According to Senior Lead Officer Joesph, who I would like to commend for attempting to help set the narrative straight on this individuals portrayal in the media, his compound has been dismantled under the freeway. However it is only a mater of time before he erects in somewhere else and he has recently been around Sixth and San Pedro again. In addition I have cc'ed Kris Ferris the skid row representative on DLANC who runs a business out of 421 E 6th street. She has informed me in the past few days her employee on her way to work has been made to feel very uncomfortable by Mr. Waddell. Any information you can provide on what can be done here. At a minimum if Mr. Waddell were to be required to register as a sex offender it would help keep him away from setting up his enterprise near shelters housing women and children as he has done in the past and could provide a valuable tool to our LAPD officers working in Skid Row.

For your reference the information relating to his conviction in Tulsa:

Ceola Waddell Jr  
DOB: 1-23-1957  
Charge: Rape First Degree  
County: Tulsa  
Case Number 86-3611  
Conviction Date: 4-30-1987  
Oklahoma Department of Corrections Inmate Number: 161839

Thank you in advance for any insights or assistance you can provide.

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